

What is claimed is:

1. A pedestrian protection device for a vehicle comprising:
an airbag inflator;
an airbag in communication with said airbag inflator, said airbag forming a frame that defines at least in part an opening; and
a support extendable across said opening.
2. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 1 wherein said support comprises a net.
3. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 1 wherein said airbag comprises a first member, a second member, and a third member, said first member transverse to said second member and said second member transverse to said third member.
4. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 3 wherein said support is supportable by at least two of said first, second, and third members.
5. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 1 including an airbag housing for receiving said airbag and said airbag inflator.
6. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 5 wherein said airbag housing is located forward of a hood of the vehicle.
7. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 6 wherein said opening has a width of about a width of a vehicle windshield.

8. A pedestrian protection device for a vehicle comprising:
a first inflatable member;
a second inflatable member spaced from said first inflatable member;
an opening defined by said first inflatable member and said second inflatable member; and
a net extendable across said opening and supportable by said first inflatable member and said second inflatable member.

9. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 8 wherein said net is supportable between said first inflatable member and said second inflatable member.

10. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 8 including a third inflatable member, said third inflatable member transverse to said first inflatable member and transverse to said second inflatable member.

11. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 10 wherein said net is supportable by at least two of said first, second, and third inflatable members.

12. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 10 wherein said first inflatable member is in fluid communication with at least one of said second and third inflatable members.

13. The pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 10 wherein said first, second and third inflatable members form a U-shape pattern.

14. A method of deploying a pedestrian protection device for a vehicle comprising the steps of:

inflating an airbag;

deploying the airbag from a location on a vehicle forward of the vehicle hood; and

extending a net across a portion of the vehicle by inflating the airbag.

15. The method of deploying the pedestrian protection device for a vehicle of Claim 14 wherein the airbag extends generally perpendicular to a front portion of the vehicle.